

Questions from October 13, 2020, Zoom call with childcare providers and the October 14, 2020, Zoom call with private schools.

Environmental	
Do we need to clean and disinfect all the toys the children touch before another child touches it?	It is recommended that children bring in their own toys and do not share. Some indicated that they have toys assigned to children and kept in individual bins. Others have toys go home at the end of the day to be cleaned or exchanged by parents and be brought the next day.
Is bleach still the preferred cleaner?	10% bleach is effective against the novel coronavirus. CDC also has a list of EPA approved cleaners and disinfectants on their website.
Recommendations on fogging or spraying?	It is up to facilities what system they want to use, so long as the manufacturer uses solutions that will disinfect and are in accordance with EPA guidelines.
Recommendations on cold weather?	There are no recommendations on cold weather regarding outdoor instruction or open windows. It is up to the individual schools on deciding what is permissible weather conditions for outdoor instruction, recess or opening of windows.
Notification	
If a case lives outside of Fairfax County, does the school still notify Fairfax County?	Yes, notify Fairfax County Health Department, and the health department will communicate with the other jurisdiction(s) to make sure information sharing is optimal.
Do we exclude "contacts of contacts"?	It is not recommended to exclude "contacts of contacts" from in-school instruction until and unless it is determined that they were close contacts of a confirmed case.
Do we notify Fairfax County HD of symptomatic children sent home?	It is not necessary to notify FCHD of symptomatic children sent home unless testing comes back positive or they are diagnosed as having COVID by a healthcare provider.
Case Definition	
What is an exposure?	A cumulative time of 15 minutes or more within six feet of a confirmed case during the case's infectious period, with or without a cloth mask.
What is a case?	Any person who tests positive for novel coronavirus by any FDA-approved laboratory method.
What is a contact?	Any person who had an exposure to a confirmed case.
What is a probable case?	Any person who had an exposure to a confirmed case and is symptomatic but has not been tested or the test results are not yet available.
What is a Person Under Investigation (PUI)?	Any person waiting on test results for coronavirus regardless of their exposure status.
What is an outbreak?	An outbreak is two or more people testing positive for coronavirus with an epidemiological link between them, e.g. an exposure.
Quarantine/Isolation	
Should travelers be quarantined?	We do not recommend quarantines based on travel.
When should people on quarantine be tested and can they come off quarantine if negative?	We recommend testing 5-7 days after exposure. We do not recommend ending quarantine based on a negative test.

Should a close contact of a PUI be quarantined?	A close contact of a PUI should not be quarantined. Only close contacts of confirmed cases should be quarantined.
Should a doctor's note be required for return to school?	We recommend obtaining a doctor's note with an alternative diagnosis or a negative COVID-19 result before returning to school.
Will a school be closed during an outbreak investigation?	It depends on the nature of the outbreak, and guidance will be given during an outbreak investigation.
Virginia DOLI is saying to not require a doctor's note for employees, is this correct?	This question is pertaining to the testing of asymptomatic employees, which we do not recommend. It does not apply to symptomatic staff members and your school health employee policy.
Social Distancing and Masks	
At what age are cloth face coverings (masks) recommended?	Cloth face coverings (masks) are recommended for children ages 2 and up, as long as they can tolerate them.
What is the minimum distance for social distancing?	6 feet (1.8 meters) is the recommended distance for social distancing.
Can masks be removed if social distance is enforced?	We recommend using masks at all times as tolerated by the user.
Can masks be removed for physical activities?	We recommend using masks at all times as tolerated by the user.
Can face shields be used instead of masks?	We recommend using masks at all times as tolerated by the user. If a person does not tolerate a mask but does tolerate a face shield, then a face shield is more acceptable than using nothing.
Is singing indoors safe?	Singing indoors has a higher risk of generating droplets, so we recommend wearing masks and social distancing.
Can schools have mixed groups in the lunchroom, with proper social distancing?	We recommend no mixing of groups at lunch time when possible. Eating produces droplets and masks need to be taken off to eat. Maintaining children in their respective groups (e.g. pods) will reduce the number of possible contacts should one of them test positive.
Other/Miscellaneous	
Will food inspections continue?	Yes, they will be done virtually.